

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 10, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:34 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:46 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Vernon Brown
Sherron Franklin
William Oliver
Lincoln Plowman
Cherrish Pryor

Absent Members

Lynn McWhirter
Scott Schneider

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 4, 2007 - approves an appropriation of \$1,086,643 for the Marion County Community Corrections Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to utilize carryover funds and a grant amendment that the Indiana Department of Corrections has given Marion County Community Corrections for one-time costs associated with the Duvall Residential Work Release Center

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 5, 2007 - appropriates \$422,016 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund), to purchase thermal imaging cameras and for other firefighting gear and equipment, funded by a federal grant

“Do Pass as Amended”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 20, 2007 - reappoints David Cook to the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board

“Do Pass”

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 21, 2007 - appoints Robert Bingham to the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board

“Postpone” until January 31, 2007

Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 22, 2007 - reappoints Robert A. Brown to the Board of Public Safety
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 23, 2007 - reappoints Kim Robinson to the Board of Public Safety
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 24, 2007 - reappoints Tom Alvarez to the Animal Care and Control
Board
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PROPOSAL NO. 25, 2007 - reappoints Brian Carney to the Animal Care and Control
Board, as the Health and Hospital representative on the Board
"Do Pass" Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, January 10, 2007. Chair Mary Moriarty Adams called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Sherron Franklin, William Oliver, Lincoln Plowman, and Cherrish Pryor. Absent were Lynn McWhirter and Scott Schneider.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Command Staff

Sheriff Frank Anderson, IMPD, introduced Chief Michael Spears as the new Chief of IMPD. He said he has known Chief Spears for many years and is aware of his professionalism. Sheriff Anderson said the Chief will present the command staff to the committee on an annual basis.

Chief Spears introduced the Command Staff and their duties (Exhibit A, on file in the Council office). He said the department is divided into two divisions: Support Services Division, which includes all investigative functions and administrative units; and the Operations Division, which includes District commanders, district headquarters, and uniformed officers in the field.

Sheriff Anderson said the command staff will do their very best to address the problems citizens are experiencing. He asked the citizens to support the new police force, because it is going to take everyone to address the issue of public safety.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked for consent to bring Proposal No. 24, 2007 to the front of the agenda. Consent was given.

[Clerk's note: Councillor Brown left at 5:43 p.m.]

PROPOSAL NO. 24, 2007 - reappoints Tom Alvarez to the Animal Care and Control Board

Mr. Alvarez said this will be the third year he has served on the board. He said he makes recommendations regarding policy and operations for Animal Care and Control on the board. Mr. Alvarez said he feels his time spent on the board has been meaningful and satisfying. He said it has been a privilege to serve and he would like to continue.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 24, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

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given Marion County Community Corrections for one-time costs associated with the Duvall Residential Work Release Center

Brian Barton, Director of the Community Corrections Agency, said they are seeking a one-time fund for the Duvall Residential Center, formerly known as the Ludlow Work Release Center. He said there are a lot of things that are needed for the center, and the money will assist in meeting those needs. Over \$700,000 is grant money from the Department of Corrections (DOC), and \$300,000 is carry-over money in the re-entry program that will be used at the Duvall Center. He said the intent is to play a bigger role in providing re-entry services and bed space for people coming out of prison. Mr. Barton said the bulk of the money will pay for cafeteria tables, lockers, computers, telephones, office equipment, and a van.

Councillor Plowman asked for the address of the center. Mr. Barton said the address is 1848 Ludlow.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Franklin, to send Proposal No. 4, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 5, 2007 - appropriates \$422,016 in the 2006 Budget of the Department of Public Safety, Fire Division (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund), to purchase thermal imaging cameras and other firefighting gear and equipment, funded by a federal grant

Jeff Seidenstein, Budget Manager, Office of Finance and Management, said that there is an amendment to this proposal (Exhibit B, attached). He said the amendment adds language to clarify that there are two grants the Fire Department is receiving and to further clarify the equipment being purchased and how it will be used. Mr. Seidenstein added that there is a matching fund to each grant. He said one grant has a 30% match, which will be provided through a bond issue that Metropolitan Emergency Communication Agency (MECA) received last year. The second grant match is 20%, which will come from the Fire Department's regular budget.

Joe Krebsbach, Division Chief of the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD), said they have received a grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to purchase 43 portable radios. He said this particular grant is assisting in the overall local bond issue for the upgrade in the MECA system. The upgraded program is expected to be on-line by December 2007. Mr. Krebsbach said the equipment that will be replaced cannot be upgraded because the new system will be digital. He said the grant will help alleviate some local expenditures through the bond issue.

Councillor Plowman asked if the purchase of 43 radios is in addition to the radios that MECA will be purchasing. Mr. Kresbach said the more radios they can purchase through this grant program, the less that will need to be spent through the bond issue. Councillor Plowman asked for clarification on the contractual grant writer. Mr. Kresbach said this is the person who wrote the narrative portion of the grant.

Councillor Franklin asked for clarification on the MECA bond. Mr. Seidenstein said MECA received approval to borrow money that will be paid out over time to upgrade communications systems throughout the city and county. Councillor Franklin asked if any new money is being requested in this proposal. Mr. Seidenstein said the only new money that is being requested is the \$380,000 for the 43 radios. He said the \$380,000 is federal money, and the local match of \$162,172 is already part of the previously approved bond issue and is not new money. Councillor Franklin asked why the money needs to be borrowed to pay the local match. Mr. Seidenstein said, in this case, it is to the city and county's benefit. He said with the MECA bond issue, they were buying new radios. This now allows them to leverage the money from the bond issue to receive the federal dollars. He said it is better that they are not using their existing budget and are able to get the local match from the bond issue. Mr. Krebsbach said that when the bond issue was developed, there was the idea that matching funds could be provided through the bond issue. He said this was something that was definitely anticipated and IFD and township fire departments were encouraged to pursue these grants to help alleviate the local expenditure.

Councillor Plowman asked if MECA receives County Option Income Tax (COIT) money. Mr. Seidenstein said MECA does receive some COIT money, but it is not used to pay the bond issue.

Councillor Oliver asked if the new equipment will transmit through dead spots in the city and county. Mr. Krebsbach said the radios by themselves will not alleviate that situation. He said the design of the new radio system will address that problem.

Councillor Plowman asked if the three percent that is not covered with the communication system would be water or rural area. Mr. Krebsbach said he believes it is the Geist area that loses the signal.

Councillor Oliver asked if establishments in the dead spots are aware. Mr. Krebsbach replied in the affirmative and said the new system is designed to ensure there is coverage in these areas.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Franklin, to "Amend" Proposal No. 5, 2007 per Exhibit B. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor Plowman, to send Proposal No. 5, 2007 to the full Council with a “Do Pass as Amended” recommendation. The motion carried by vote of 5-0.

Chief James Greeson, IFD, thanked the board for approving the transfer of the appropriations in Proposal No. 5, 2007 to the fire department’s budget. He said this will also allow them to purchase cameras that will save lives and property.

PROPOSAL NO. 21, 2007 - appoints Robert Bingham to the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Councillor Pryor moved, seconded by Councillor Franklin to “Postpone” Proposal No. 21, 2007 until January 31, 2007. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 20, 2007 - reappoints David Cook to the Marion County Community Corrections Advisory Board

Mr. Cook said he was appointed to the Advisory Board in 2000 and has held the position of chairman of the board since 2002. He said during his time on the board there has been a tremendous amount of advancement and services provided through the board. Mr. Cook said some of those services include funding and additional space to help alleviate the jail overcrowding situation. The board has also been directly involved in the Department of Correction’s (DOC) movement of evidence based programming to direct better services to clients. He said this particular board has been very fulfilling, and he would like to continue to serve.

Councillor Oliver asked about programs the Duvall Center will offer. Mr. Cook directed the question to Mr. Barton because of his involvement with the center. Mr. Barton said there will be a variety of services. They are working with DOC on the front-end to identify services needed while clients are in prison. He said there will be employment opportunities, education, job skill readiness, etc. Councillor Oliver asked if the relationship with the neighborhood has improved. Mr. Cook said the community has been very pleased with the government response to their concerns.

Councillor Plowman asked if it is true that the Public Defender’s Office does not have enough staff. Mr. Cook said the change in case standards is having an impact on his office, because they need additional staff to stay in compliance. He said since his office has come in compliance Marion County has received over \$16 million in reimbursement to the County General Fund. Mr. Cook said in order for them to stay in compliance, they will need 14 full-time lawyers. Thus far, he has received seven full-time lawyers. Councillor Plowman asked if the Public Defender’s Office received any new hires with the court order in

2006. Mr. Cook replied in the affirmative, and said the new hires were directed toward major felony positions, and they were not given additional lawyers to address compliance.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked if the Public Defender's Office has obtained additional space. Mr. Cook said he has yet to obtain additional space for the new staffing awarded by the Council for the 2007 budget. He said he does not have the awarded staff because there is no work area in which to put them.

Councillor Pryor moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 20, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 25, 2007 - reappoints Brian Carney to the Animal Care and Control Board, as the Health and Hospital representative on the Board

Mr. Carney said he learned a lot by serving on the board and working with the revised animal ordinance. He said he would be honored to continue to serve on the board.

Chair Moriarty Adams asked how long Mr. Carney has served on the board. Mr. Carney said he has served almost a year on the board.

Councillor Oliver asked if the board has encountered any objections to the revised ordinance. Mr. Carney said they have had one meeting since the revised ordinance and have not received too many complaints.

Councillor Franklin suggested that board members make the committee aware of any problems or suggestions they may have with the ordinance. Mr. Carney said he would pass the information along to the board members.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor Plowman, to send Proposal No. 25, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 22, 2007 - reappoints Robert A. Brown to the Board of Public Safety

Mr. Brown said he is a Criminal Justice professor at IUPUI, and his research area of expertise is in policing. He said he was appointed to the board in 2004 and would like to continue to serve on the board.

Councillor Plowman asked what some of the duties of the board are. Mr. Brown said the board oversees financial proposals, the fire department, animal control, and weights and measures. He said law enforcement requests for funding will no longer come before the board.

Chief Greeson said he supports the reappointment of Mr. Brown. He said this board is not a rubber stamp board; they do their homework and ask tough questions.

Councillor Franklin moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 22, 2007 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 23, 2007 - reappoints Kim Robinson to the Board of Public Safety

Ms. Robinson said she is a practicing attorney and has been involved with criminal justice for eight years. She said 50 percent of her private practice is in the area of criminal defense. Ms. Robinson said because of her involvement with the criminal justice system, she brings a unique perspective to the board. She said this is her third reappointment and she would like to continue to serve on the board.

Chief Greeson also gave his support on Ms. Robinson's reappointment. He said he is pleased with her work on the board, and her profession brings new perspective on dealing with public safety.

Councillor Oliver moved, seconded by Councillor Pryor, to send Proposal No. 23, 2006 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moriarty Adams, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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